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June 2[illegible] 1962 - Monday

This morning, after going to the Embassy, our party met at [redacted] to the Foreign Office. We talked until amost one o'clock. Then I gave a lunch at the Chancery for

Lord Home (Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs)
J. B. Godber, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs
R. S. Crawford, Asst. Under Secretary of State
E. H. Peck, Asst. Under Secretaryof State
John Russell, Counsellor (Public Affairs)
P. E. Ramsbotham, Counsellor (NATO)
Ian Samuel, Private Secretary to Lord Home
Dean Rusk
Charles Bohlen
Foy Kohler
Robert Manning
Russell Fessenden
Martin Hillenbrand

There were a couple of hours of conversation after lunch.

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April 4, 1962 - Wednesday

I went with George Ball and others of our group to the Foreign Office at ten o'clock this morning, where we met Lord Privy Seal Heath and his associates for Common Market discussions.

Heath said they hoped to press forward energetically with their Brussels negotiations, and have a good idea of what, if anything, they could work out by July. It is then proposed to have conversations between the British Government and Commonwealth Ministers in September.

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This whole affair is about as complicated as anything could be. There was much talk about tropical and temperate food stuffs, and a variety of other subjects of an economic nature.

Brigadier Sir Geoffrey McNab appears to exercise general supervision over 1, Carlton Gardens. He told me that the wrong German wine was served the other day at the lunch for Willy Brandt. He said I should pay particular attention to how that oversight would be repaired today. Indeed it was, for we had a remarkable Wehlener Sonnenuhr Spätlese, 1958, when Heath gave a lunch today for George Ball.

Eunice Schriver, the President's sister, came to London Sunday night, and will remain two weeks as one of a delegation concerned with mental retardation. She has, to our embarrassment, asked to be supplied with an Embassy car, and wishes also the use of a seven-passenger automobile on Sunday, in which she proposes to motor to Sheffield, a trip of at least four hours. We have no seven-passenger car, she is not here as an official, our chauffeurs are not on duty on weekends, so all in all we are rather put to it, and it will prove expensive to meet her request, with me probably paying for it.

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Paul Nitze came in to see me, with McQuade, from the Defense Department, and Courtney, of our Embassy, to recount his conversations today with Ramsbotham and Shuckburgh at the Foreign Office. They had discussed military matters, as I had earlier in the morning at breakfast with Paul, with especial reference to whether NATO should have a real nuclear capability, and if so, to what controls it should be subjected.

Tonight, I dined as guest of the Saints and Sinners Club of London, at the Dorchester. I sat between the Chairman, W. E. Butlin, the hotel owner, and Arthur Dickson Wright, the famous doctor. There were about 400 people, representing many occupations. The audience included doctors, actors, motion picture producers, officials, about 30 members of the House of Commons, soldiers, sailors, and airmen, real estate developers, and many industrialists. The first speaker was Lord Brabazon of Tara, an amusing speaker. Next came Ted Heath, who told many good anecdotes and jokes. I followed him, and incorporated as much of these notes as I could remember. Dr. Wright made an unusually amusing speech. He was followed by Sir Edmund Davies, a Judge of the Queen's Bench Division. He is a Welshman, but not especially witty. Chairman Butlin said his farewells, and then Percy Hoskins, the Chairman-elect, took the chair. The formal proceedings concluded with a talk by R. L. Jackson, Assistant Commissioner of New Scotland Yard, and President of Interpol. I thought perhaps there were too many speakers, but altogether it was a most satisfactory evening. Afterwards, I went about midnight with Henry Garnett, to White's Club, where we were joined by quite a few members who had been at the Saints and Sinners.

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When I got home, I should have gone to sleep, but I was so enchanted by the Diary of Throckmorton, which had vanished for 350 years and lately been discovered, that I read it until the early hours of the morning.

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After a good deal of office turmoil, I got home in time to drink with Ambassador and Mrs. Steeves (he is on his way to Afghanistan), Under Secretary of Labor and Mrs. Wirtz, Assistant Secretary of Labor Weaver, the Galbraiths, and the Clarks. Wirtz was once, I believe, a law partner of Adlai Stevenson. He seems a delightful fellow, full of good stories. Weaver has been for some time the center of controversy in Washington because of the President's proposal to create a new Cabinet post for him. This has been resisted, chiefly by Southern Members of Congress, because of his being a Negro. Founded on my brief conversation with him this afternoon, I would consider him a charmer. He is gay and attractive.

We went to dinner at the Lewis Jones's. Having arrived late, we stayed late, and had a fine evening with the Norman Brookes, the Hamish Hamiltons, the Dodds-Parkers, and others. The Minister's house is ideal for their purposes. I have known it ever since it was acquired, and have always thought it a singularly good choice. I think Julius Holmes selected it.

February 20, 1962 - Tuesday

Clarence Blau, who used to be with me in the Department of Commerce came to see me this morning.

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Next, the new Czech Ambassador, Zdenek Thrlik, visited me. Although only 38, he has been known for some years as the man behind the scene at the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He speaks good English, as well as five other languages. He studied law in France. After joining the Communist Party, he went to work in the legal section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, later switching to international organizations work. He was a member of the Czech delegation to the Disarmament talks in Geneva in 1960. Before coming to London last December

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at the airport by an Embassy officer, including, if the circumstances require it, the Ambassador or DCM. The Chief of Mission or his Deputy participate in special briefings, lunch with Congressional visitors or invite them to dinners and receptions whenever it is possible or desirable. In particular, members of the Foreign Relations Committee, the Foreign Affairs Committee, and the Appropriations Committees are, as a matter of policy, invited by the Ambassador, or, in his absence, the DCM to meet at the Embassy for briefings and are entertained for lunch or in the evening at the Residence. Where Congressional visitors are primarily interested in NATO or OECD matters, similar meetings and briefings are arranged by Ambassador Finletter or his Deputy.

It should also be pointed out that Congressional visits constitute only a part of our total visitors workload. Each is and week one a large number of officials of the Executive Branch visit Paris on official business. Many of these officials are of Assistant Secretary rank and above and the Ambassador, DCM and other officers of the Embassy and USRO devote several hours a week to these visits.

I believe the Paris Embassy is cooperating to the fullest with Department policies on Congressional travelers. The suggestions in the USIA book for Congressional Foreign Travel are carefully followed whenever possible. The Congressional travel situation in Paris is of such a special nature, however, that I request that Paris be allowed to continue its present satisfactory and efficient arrangements for greeting CODELs and that the Ambassador and his Deputy not be required to meet all Congressional travelers at the airport.

This matter has been discussed with Ambassador Finletter, who concurs.

Approved:

James K. Penfield
American Ambassador

Attachment:
Tabulation of CODEL arrivals.

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Our first and most important ally was France. Without her assistance, the American Revolution could not have succeeded. The government of Louis XVI was not insensible of the advantages to be gained, in terms of French national interests, if England should be deprived of colonies already important to her economy, and to her political system. Other quasi-alliances followed with Holland, Russia and Spain, from whom we secured political, financial and commercial advantages.

With the cessation of hostilities, our continued dependence upon other countries seemed unnecessary. George Washington, first President of the United States, observed: "It is a maxim, founded on the universal experience of mankind, that no nation is to be trusted farther than it is bound by its own interest; and no prudent statesman or politician will venture to depart from it." In his Farewell Address, upon retirement, after two terms as President, he said: "Permanent, inveterate antipathies against particular nations, and passionate attachments for others should be excluded -- there can be no greater error than to expect or calculate upon real favors from nation to nation."

Except for some increment in strength when war with France seemed imminent during the Presidency of John Adams, Washington's successor, our military establishment was ~~scarcely~~ for more than adequate, even for defensive purposes. In fact, our third President, Thomas Jefferson, wished to reduce

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Divergencies do exist. Often they relate to style and manner, less frequently to substance. In the case of Communist China, we have agreed to disagree. On this point, there is a gulf, but not of a threatening nature. Our commitments to Chiang Kai-shek and the Formosan Government, are clear; you have none. I do not think it would be fruitful to develop this subject in detail at this time.

As to other matters, there is little lack of accord. We view alike the fundamentals of the Berlin situation. We equally maintain a determination (1) to preserve the liberties of the citizens of West Berlin; (2) to continue the stationing of allied troops there; (3) to preserve rights of ingress and egress to West Berlin. These are minimal standards.

No fact in history, so far as I know, is as important from a security standpoint, as the discovery and application of the principles of nuclear fission. In the past, by

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